

The timing couldn't have been more perfect. The sudden downpour had chased everyone inside. Alice was practically invisible – no one saw where she came from - as far as she knew – and no one was looking out to see her chosen destination. She gazed into the puddle below her, seeing an impish face smiling brightly back at her.

Darting gracefully between the puddles, Alice skipped from doorway to doorway until she reached number 21. She paused, caught her breath, before peeking quickly around the gatepost.

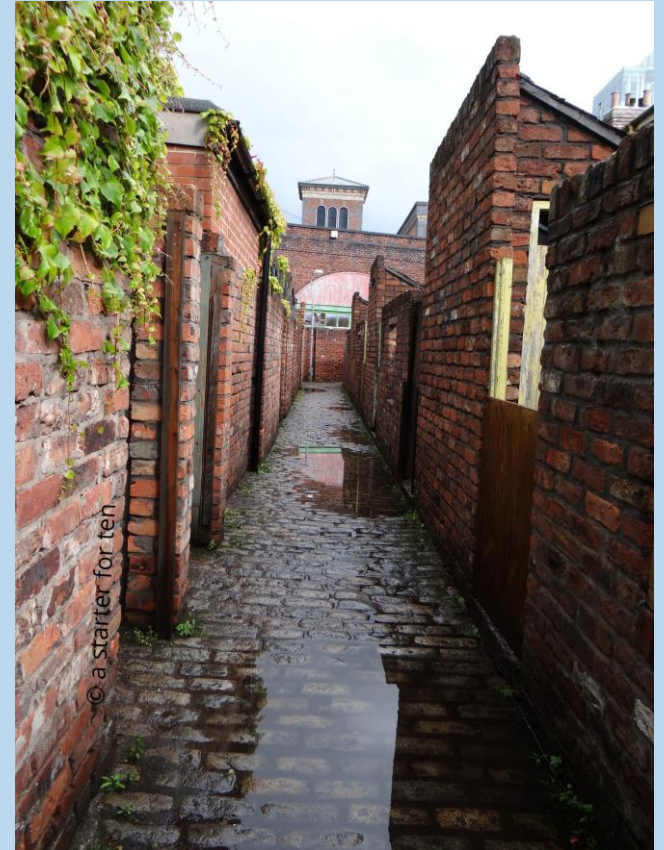
Flying, like a ballerina, Alice reached the door of number 21 – turning the door handle.

1. Alice is described as having 'an impish face', what does this mean?
2. What kind of person is Alice? Find evidence for your opinion.
3. What do you think Alice is planning? Why do you think this?
4. Does Alice sound like the kind of person to be sneaking around? Why?
5. How old do you think Alice is? Why do you think this?
6. What do you think Alice has brought with her? Why do you think this?

Be a detective.



Cobblestones are named after 'cobs'. What is a cob? Do you think this is a good name for them? Who were the first people to use cobblestones for roads? What was special about these roads? The most rain ever to fall in one day is 1,825mm! How many cm and m is this? Where was it? 21 is a triangular and Fibonacci number. What are they? Alice is described as 'impish'. What is an imp? What is special about them?



A Starter for 10